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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
YOSHINOBU SHIRAIWA, et al. )  
Application No.: 09/111,731 )  
Filed: July 8, 1998 )  
For: IMAGE PROCESSING )  
APPARATUS, METHOD AND )  
RECORDING MEDIUM THEREFOR )  
Examiner: J. Brier  
Group Art Unit: 2672  
June 30, 2003

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup>This Amendment has been prepared in the revised amendment format set forth in the Pre-OG Notice entitled "Amendments in a Revised Format Now Permitted."